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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BNRG, RP

SUBJ: SECOND OIL FIND OFF PALAWAN ANNOUNCED

REF: A) 76 MANILA 4046, B) 76 MANILA 19485

1. OIL FLOWED DURING A DRILL-STEM TEST AT THE SOUTH NIDO I
DRILLSITE OFF WESTERN PALAWAN OVER THE WEEKEND, ACCORDING TO
AN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED IN MOST
LOCAL DAILIES JULY 18. THIS IS THE SECOND OIL DISCOVERY
ANNOUNCED BY THE EDB IN THIS SERVICE CONTRACT AREA OPERATED
BY CITIES SERVICE AND A CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL FIRMS (REFTEL A).
THIS IS THE THIRD WELL DRILLED IN THE AREA -- THE SECOND
WELL WAS DRY (REFTEL B). TESTING WILL CONTINUE TO DETERMINE
IF THERE IS OIL OF COMMERCIAL QUANTITY OR QUALITY.

2. RUMORS HAD BEEN CIRCULATING FOR THE PAST THREE
WEEKS THAT "INTERESTING OIL SHOWS" HAD OCCURRED DURING
THE DRILLING PHASE AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS IMMI-
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NENT. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE OIL STOCK MARKET HELD
STEADY. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS
FANFARE THAN THE MARCH 1976 DISCOVERY, CONFIRMS THE
GOOD NEWS WITHOUT EMBELLISHING IT. ONLY TIME AND MORE
TESTS WILL TELL HOW SIGNIFICANT THE DISCOVERY IS.
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